



CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – California Senators Call for Units Focusing on Domestic Terrorism

(U) Two local state senators announced plans to introduce legislation requiring both the California Attorney General and the California Office of Emergency Services to create units focusing on domestic terrorism following last week's attack on the US Capitol. Security forces respond with tear gas on 6 January after supporters of President Donald Trump breached the US Capitol. The lawmakers said the legislation, would call for establishing investigation teams at the Department of Justice to investigate and coordinate efforts to thwart acts of domestic terror, hate crimes and other criminal activity. It would also establish within the Cal OES State Threat Assessment Center a new operation to take steps necessary to assess potential threats from such groups.

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [CBS](#)

(U) Huntington Beach – 333 Pounds of Meth Found Aboard Boat in Waters off Huntington Beach

(U) A vessel from Mexico carrying over 300 pounds of methamphetamine was intercepted by the US Coast Guard near Huntington Beach and two Mexican nationals were taken into custody, US Customs and Border Protection said yesterday. The vessel was initially detected Saturday by officials with the US Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations. They suspected it was being used in maritime smuggling, according to the agency. Authorities tracked the watercraft to the Huntington Beach area, where it was stopped by the Coast Guard about 7:30 a.m. Monday. It was then taken to a USCG station in Long Beach. Drug-sniffing dogs located 333 pounds of methamphetamine stashed throughout the vessel, which has a street value of \$915,750, according to CBP.

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [OC Register](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Suspect Found in Possession of 'List' With Officials' Names

(U) Washington – Federal prosecutors submitted new evidence related to a suspect involved in the security incident at the US Capitol in Washington, DC, yesterday, including a list the suspect had in his possession naming "good guys" and "bad guys" Among the evidence are also pictures of the materials seized from the man's truck, which include multiple firearms, a crossbow, stun gun, and a cooler with 11 homemade Molotov cocktails. Evidence photos submitted by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) show an AR-15-style rifle, shotgun, and handgun were taken from the vehicle The suspect, who is from Alabama, was arrested on 6 January after he returned to his truck in the wake of the Capitol incident and was approached by police officers.

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [ABC](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Identifies Additional Al-Qa'ida Leaders in Iran

(U) Washington – The US Department of State yesterday revealed additional details concerning senior AQ leaders operating inside Iran and added five AQ figures to the US government's list of specially designated global terrorists. One individual is a native Moroccan who served in several senior roles. In

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conjunction with yesterday's designation, a reward for information on the individual's whereabouts was announced by the State Department's Rewards for Justice program.

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [Long War Journal](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Police Detain Seven in Probe of Teacher's Beheading

(U) French anti-terrorism police yesterday detained seven people suspected of having communicated via social media with the killer of a schoolteacher whose beheading last year reopened debate about France's cherished rights of expression, a judicial official said. The teacher, Samuel Paty, was killed on 16 October 2020 outside his Paris-region school after showing caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad during a class debate on free expression. His killer, identified by authorities as Abdoullakh Anzorov, was later shot dead by police. Anzorov, an 18-year-old refugee of Chechen origin who had become radicalized, according to authorities, claimed responsibility for the slaying in a text found on his phone that was accompanied by a photograph of the teacher.

SOURCE: 13 January 2021, [AP](#)

(U) Jordan – Man Sentenced to Death for 2019 Tourist Stabbings

(U) Jerash – Jordan's state security court sentenced a man to death yesterday for the 2019 stabbing of eight people, four of them foreign tourists, at one of the kingdom's ancient sites. The victims, who included one Swiss and three Mexican tourists, all survived the November 2019 knife attack in the ruins of the ancient Roman city of Jerash, some 30 miles north of the capital Amman. Mustafa Abu Ruwais, 24, was sentenced to death by hanging for the terrorist knife attack on tourists, the court said. There is no right of appeal against the decisions of Jordan's state security court. Abu Ruwais, a Jordanian of Palestinian origin, was at the time of the attack a resident of the Souf camp in Jerash, which houses some 20,000 Palestinian refugees. He was arrested immediately afterwards and charged with terrorism offences in January last year.

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [AFP](#)

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